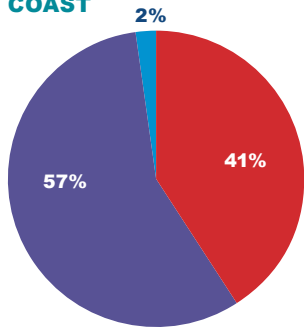




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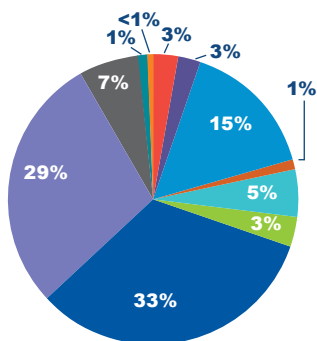
FISHING TRIPS BY MODE ON THE MID-ATLANTIC COAST



- Private 41%
- Shore 57%
- For-Hire (Party/Charter) 2%

PRIMARY TARGET SPECIES

Nearly two-thirds (61%) of all recreational fishing trips in the Mid-Atlantic targeted these popular recreational species. Of those trips, the primary target species breakdown is as follows:



- Atlantic croaker 3%
- Black sea bass 3%
- Bluefish 15%
- Cobia 1%
- Scup 5%
- Spot 3%
- Striped Bass 33%
- Summer Flounder 29%
- Tautog 7%
- Weakfish 1%
- Winter Flounder <1%

Source: FEUS 2017

Mid-Atlantic Recreational Fisheries

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Whether it's sportfishing for fluke and black sea bass, casting for bluefish, or deep dropping for tilefish, saltwater recreational fishing has always been a natural part of coastal life in the Mid-Atlantic region. The waters of the Mid-Atlantic are home to some of the nation's most sought after saltwater recreational species, including bluefish and summer flounder, which are pursued by millions of anglers each year. In partnership with the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and its member states, NOAA Fisheries is working to ensure sustainable and enduring saltwater fishing opportunities along the East Coast.

POPULAR RECREATIONAL SPECIES

2017 Species	Total Catch (number of fish)	HARVESTED RELEASED	Caught in State Waters	Caught in Federal Waters
Black sea bass	32,212,000		58%	42%
Scup	26,037,000		97%	3%
Summer Flounder	25,892,000		89%	11%
Spot	24,887,000		100%	0%
Atlantic croaker	19,790,000		100%	0%
Bluefish	19,523,000		99%	1%
Striped Bass	16,780,000		98%	2%
Tautog	10,794,000		94%	6%
Weakfish	938,000		98%	2%
Cobia	91,000		99%	1%
Winter Flounder	32,000		95%	5%

Source: Marine Recreational Information Program, Catch estimates calculated using Fishing Effort Survey data.

*Striped bass are managed by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and fishing for and possession of striped bass is prohibited in federal waters. For more on striped bass management visit <http://www.asmfc.org/species/atlantic-striped-bass>.

Economic Impacts of Recreational Fishing

NEW YORK	NEW JERSEY	DELAWARE	MARYLAND	VIRGINIA
Fishing Trip and Durable Goods Expenditures: \$1.17B	Fishing Trip and Durable Goods Expenditures: \$1.51B	Fishing Trip and Durable Goods Expenditures: \$190.91M	Fishing Trip and Durable Goods Expenditures: \$827.58M	Fishing Trip and Durable Goods Expenditures: \$668.22M
Total Sales Impacts: \$1.15B	Total Sales Impacts: \$1.88B	Total Sales Impacts: \$182.35M	Total Sales Impacts: \$846.57M	Total Sales Impacts: \$746.38M
Total Jobs: 11,410	Total Jobs: 14,478	Total Jobs: 1,672	Total Jobs: 8,048	Total Jobs: 7,176
Impacts From Fishing Trips Sales: \$473.32M Jobs: 5,739	Impacts From Fishing Trips Sales: \$562.30M Jobs: 3,707	Impacts From Fishing Trips Sales: \$97.35M Jobs: 849	Impacts From Fishing Trips Sales: \$323.15M Jobs: 3,491	Impacts From Fishing Trips Sales: \$312.40M Jobs: 2,943

In 2017
1.9 million
 anglers took
46 million
 fishing trips in the
 Mid-Atlantic spending
\$4.4 billion
 on trips and durable goods

Diving Deeper

PRIVATE ANGLER DATA COLLECTION PROGRAM

Recreational catch of golden and blueline tilefish in the mid-Atlantic is considered a rare event that is not well captured by the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) surveys. To better understand how many anglers participate in this fishery and how many fish are caught, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council approved measures to create a new federal vessel permit and reporting requirement for private recreational vessels that fish for golden or blueline tilefish. Once these measures are established, anglers will report all golden or blueline tilefish that are caught during a trip targeting these species through electronic vessel trip report applications. These reports will provide the Council with valuable information about the scope of the recreational tilefish fishery. This will help better integrate the recreational aspect of the fishery in stock assessment models leading to better management of the species.

LEARN MORE

In the Greater Atlantic Region, NOAA Fisheries works closely with the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and their member states. For more information visit <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/region/new-england-mid-atlantic>.

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Angler with golden tilefish